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Lombard and Gay Streets
Baltimore, Maryland.

Date of Erection: 1839

Date Razed: 1933

Number of Stories: Four, Pent House and Basement.

Materials of Construction: Brick wall and vault
construction throughout,
except for first story
exterior, which was of granite.

Site: Now occupied by the new United
States Appraisers Stores.

Other Existing Records: See "A History of Public Buildings
Under the Control of The Treasury
Department, Washington, 1901" pages
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HISTORICAL DATA:

This building, also known as United States Public Store #1, is located on a plot of ground bounded on the north 82 feet 6 inches by Lombard Street, on the west 100 feet by Gay Street, and on the south 82 feet 6 inches by Smith's Alley. The main front is on Gay Street.

The ground was secured by purchase June 17, 1833, for the sum of \$30,000.00, and the building was completed and occupied in 1839, the cost of construction being \$241,672.61. The exterior walls of the first story are of stone, and the other stories brick. All the floors are constructed on ground arches.

The appropriations on account of the building were made by acts of Congress approved March 2, 1833, June 27, 1834, March 3, 1835, May 9, 1836, March 3, 1837, April 6, 1838, March 3, 1839, March 3, 1841 (extra work) March 3, 1843 (repairs) June 17, 1844, and August 4, 1846 - last two for outstanding liabilities.

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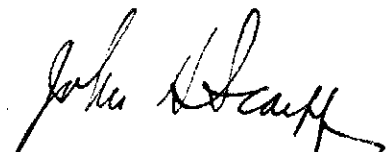
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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

The cubic contents of the building are 340,000 feet. It is heated by steam and is provided with a freight elevator. The basement, third and fourth floors are used for general storage, the first and second floors being occupied partially by offices of the Customs Officials.

The measurements were donated to the HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY by the Architects of the new United States Appraisers Stores - Messrs. Taylor and Fisher and Wm. F. Stone, Jr. Because of their interest in the old building and through public spirit they secured the measurements, although demolition had started. The Pent House was already destroyed when they arrived on the site. The shaft shown in the drawings gave evidence of alterations, presumably to accommodate the old elevator. The interior columns supporting the brick vaults originally were simply a granite shaft, with small projecting granite square cap. The start of the vaulting above the cap was also of granite. After the Baltimore fire of 1904, they were encased in five inches of brick with corbelled cap. Both columns can be seen in the photographs.

The photographs were given to the HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY through Taylor & Fisher, Architects, by Mr. Louis A. Simon, Supervising Architect, of the Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.



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